

FIG. 1 PRIOR ART

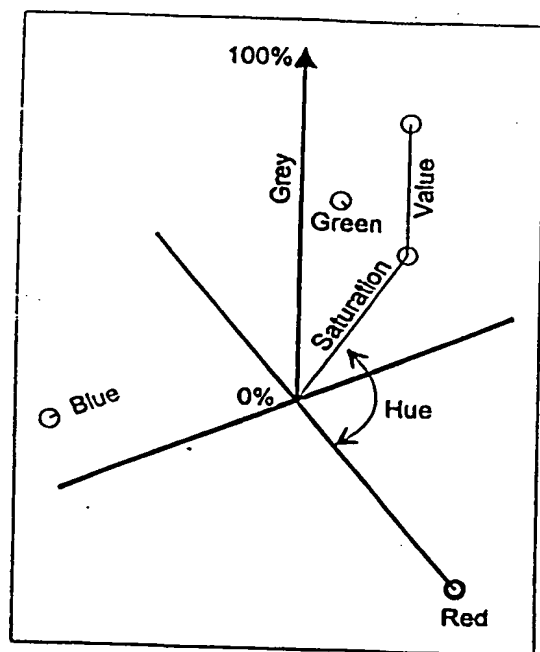


FIG. 2 PRIOR ART

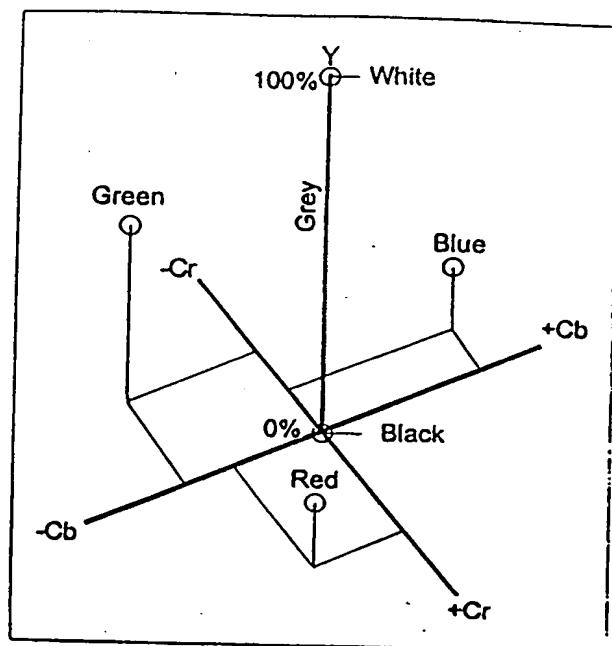


FIG. 3 PRIOR ART

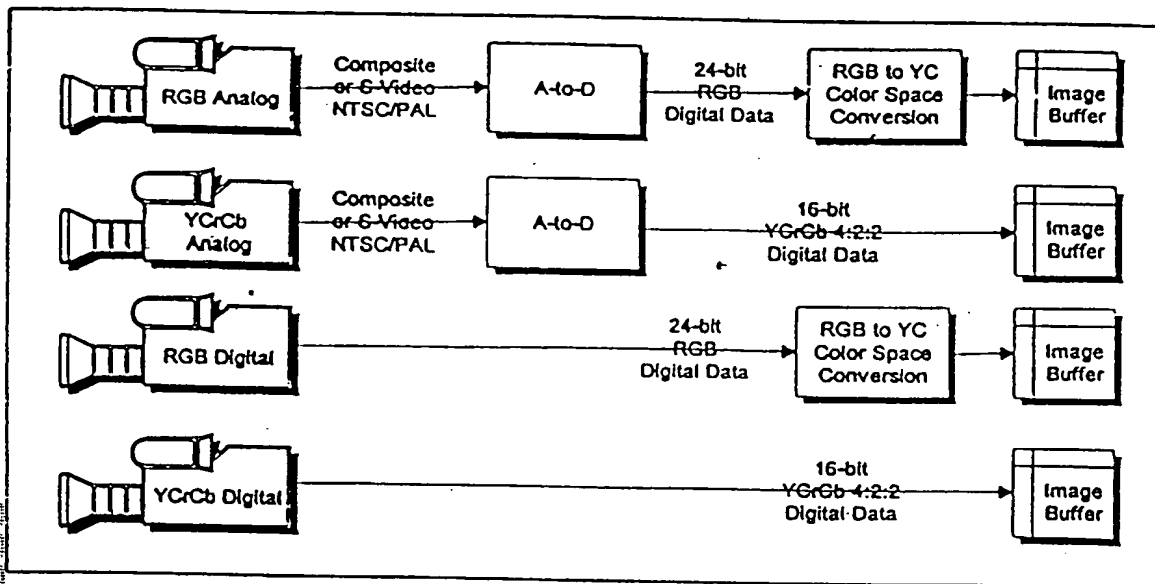


FIG. 4

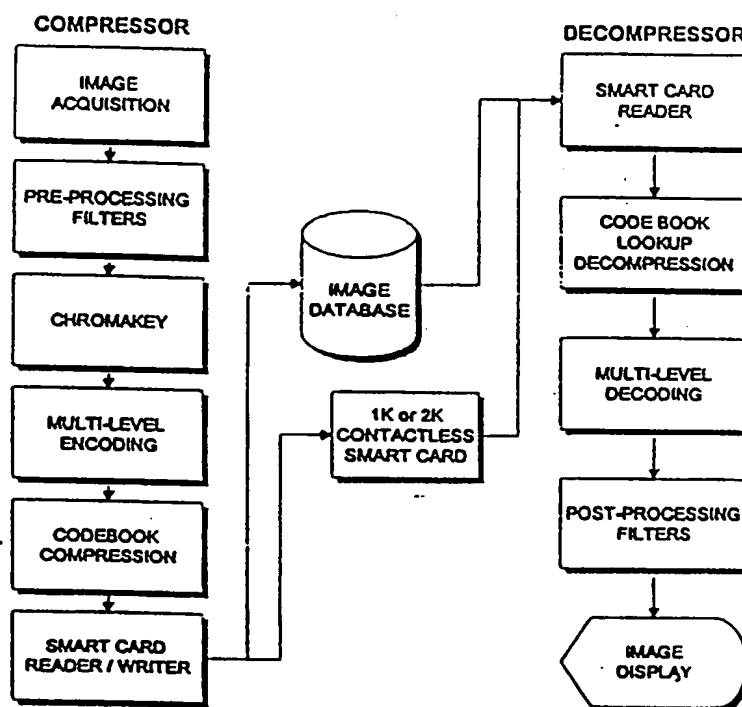


FIG. 5

If all pixels are within a specified threshold, the output is the average of the four pixels, two on each side of the target.

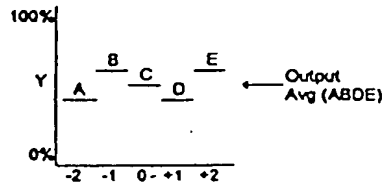
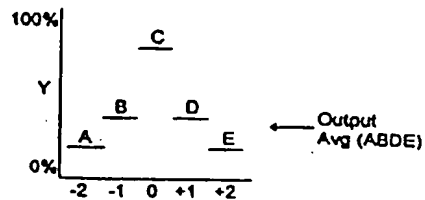
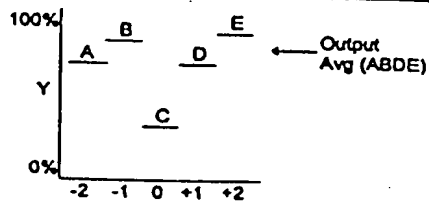


FIG. 6

If the two pixels on either side are within a specified threshold and both sides themselves are within the



threshold; the target pixel is considered to be impulse noise. The output is the average of the two pixels on each side of the target.

FIG. 7

If the two pixels on either side of the target pixel and the target pixel itself are within a specified threshold, the target pixel is

considered to be an edge pixel. The output is the average of the two pixels on the matching side.

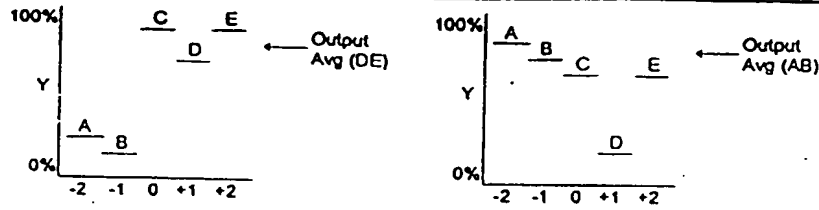


FIG. 8

If the five pixels are all increasing or decreasing (or are within a small threshold to account for ringing or pre-emphasis

typically found in analog video signals), the target is considered to be in the midst of a blurred edge. The output is the average of the two pixels on whichever side is closest to the target pixel.

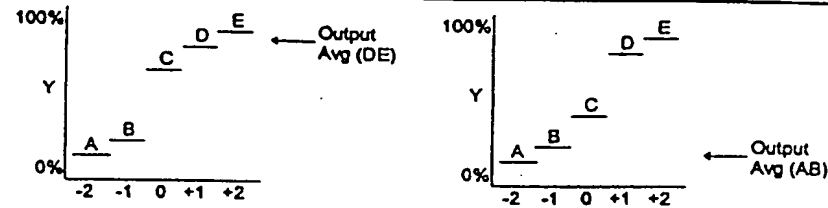


FIG. 9

If the five pixels in the window do not fit into any of the prior cases, the target is considered to be in the midst of a busy area. The target pixel is output unchanged.

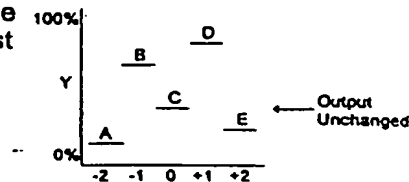
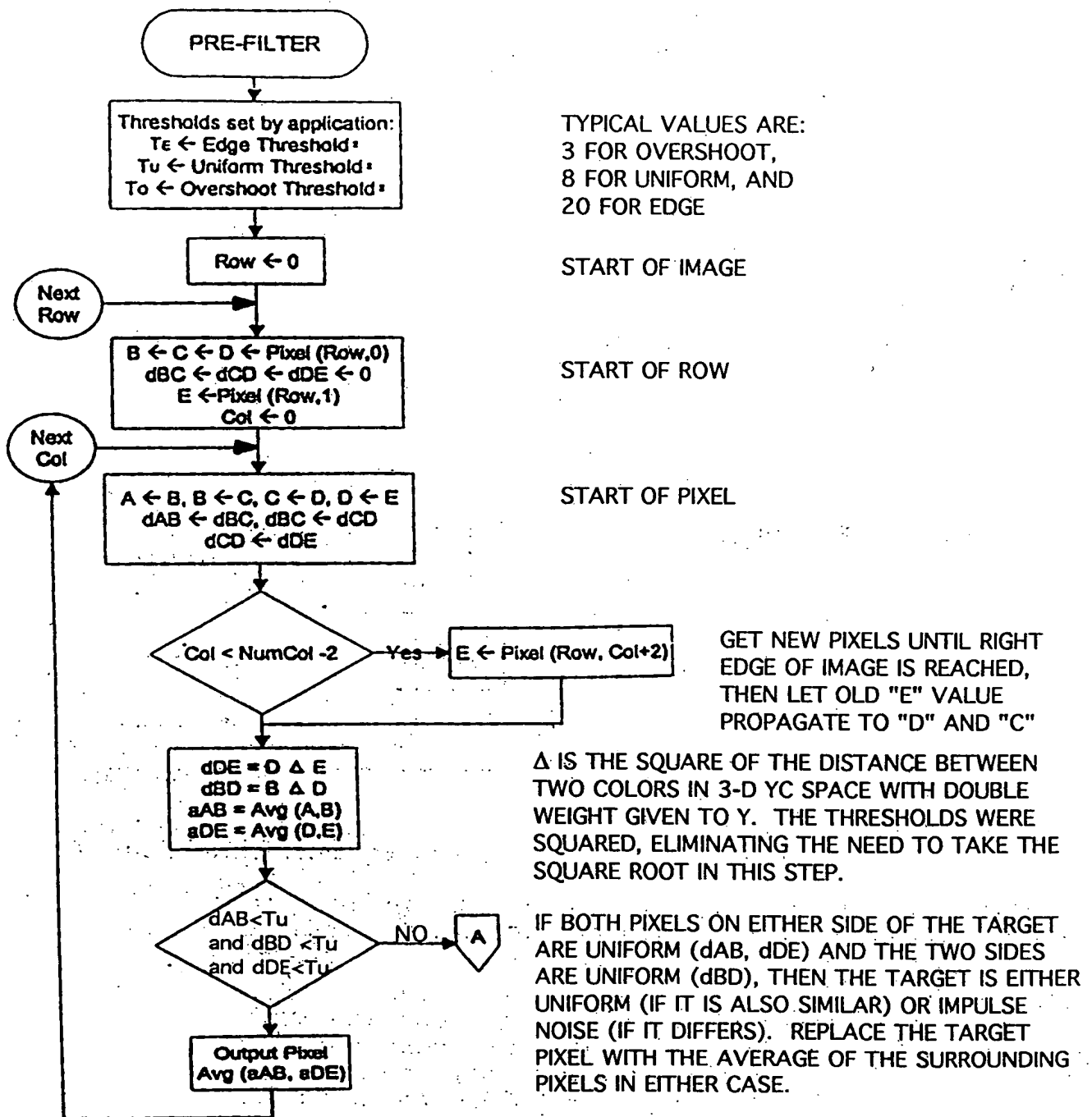


FIG. 10



TYPICAL VALUES ARE:
 3 FOR OVERSHOOT,
 8 FOR UNIFORM, AND
 20 FOR EDGE

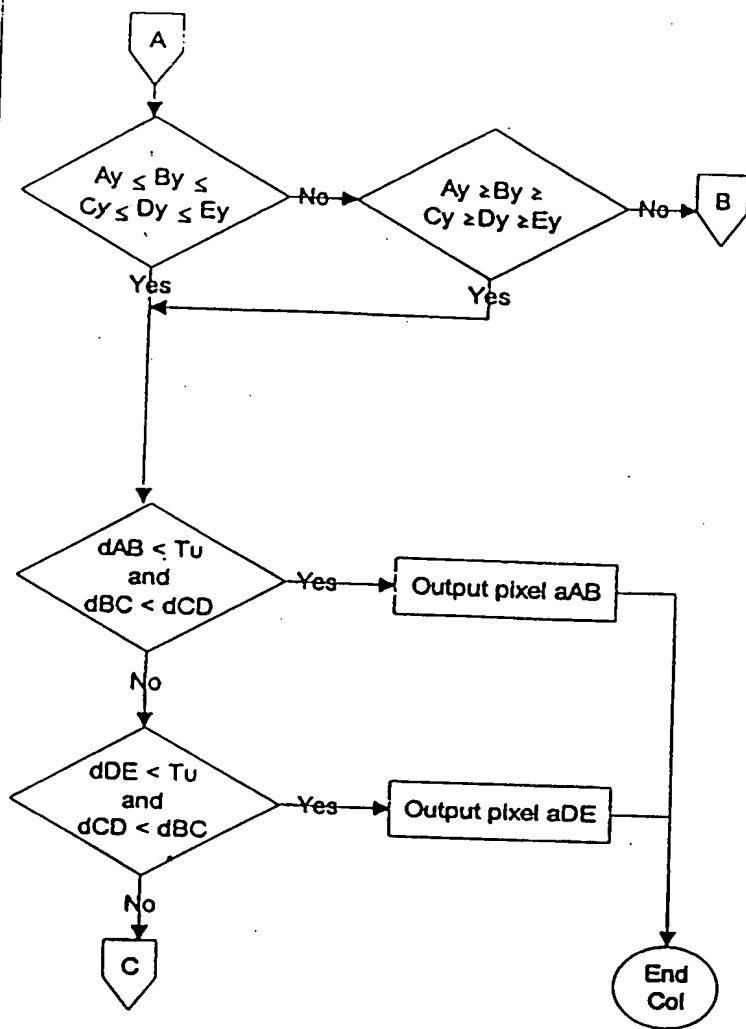
START OF IMAGE

START OF ROW

START OF PIXEL

FIG. 11A

FIG. 11B is a flowchart illustrating a method for detecting a gradient or slow (blurred) edge in a digital image. The method starts at block A, where a decision is made based on the luminance components of the current pixel and its neighbors. If the luminance components are either increasing or decreasing in a consistent manner, a gradient or slow edge is detected, and the process proceeds to block B. If not, the method proceeds to block C, where a decision is made based on the distance components of the current pixel and its neighbors. If the distance components are either increasing or decreasing in a consistent manner, a gradient or slow edge is detected, and the process proceeds to block B. If not, the process proceeds to block D, where the average of the two pixels to which the current pixel is closest to the target pixel is output, provided those two pixels are sufficiently close to each other so as to not distort the image. The process then ends at block E.



If all pixels are either increasing or decreasing in luminance, a gradient or slow (blurred) edge has been detected.

Note 1.

The overshoot threshold is used to compensate for preemphasis in the analog signal. The comparison is actually:

$A_y < B_y$ or $dAB < T_o$

Note 2.

Comparison by only the luminance components has been shown here. If computational power is available, a more complete solution would be to check that all three components were either decreasing or increasing.

Output the average of the two pixels to whichever side is closest to the target pixel provided those two pixels are sufficiently close to each other so as to not distort the image.

FIG. 11B

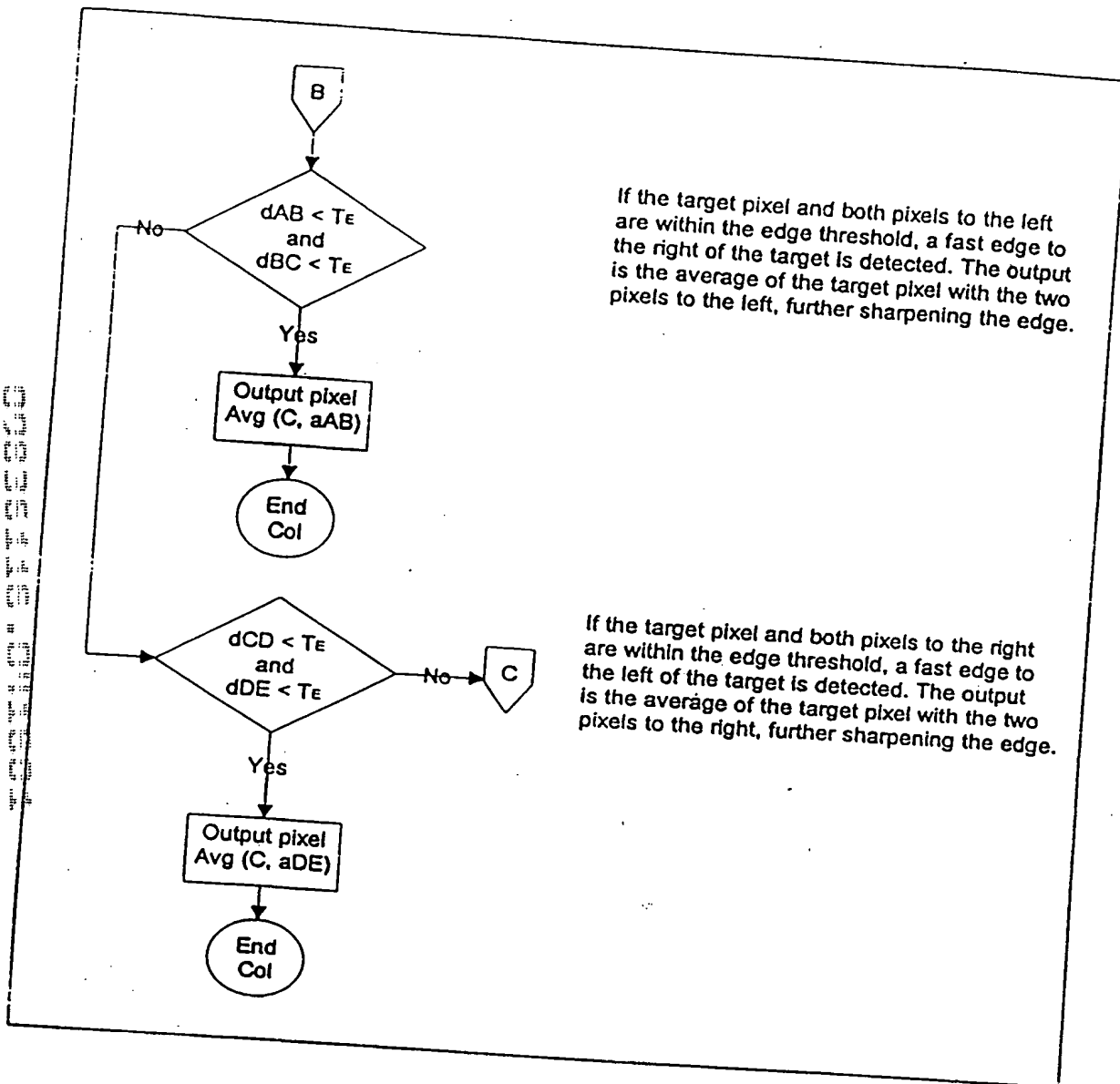
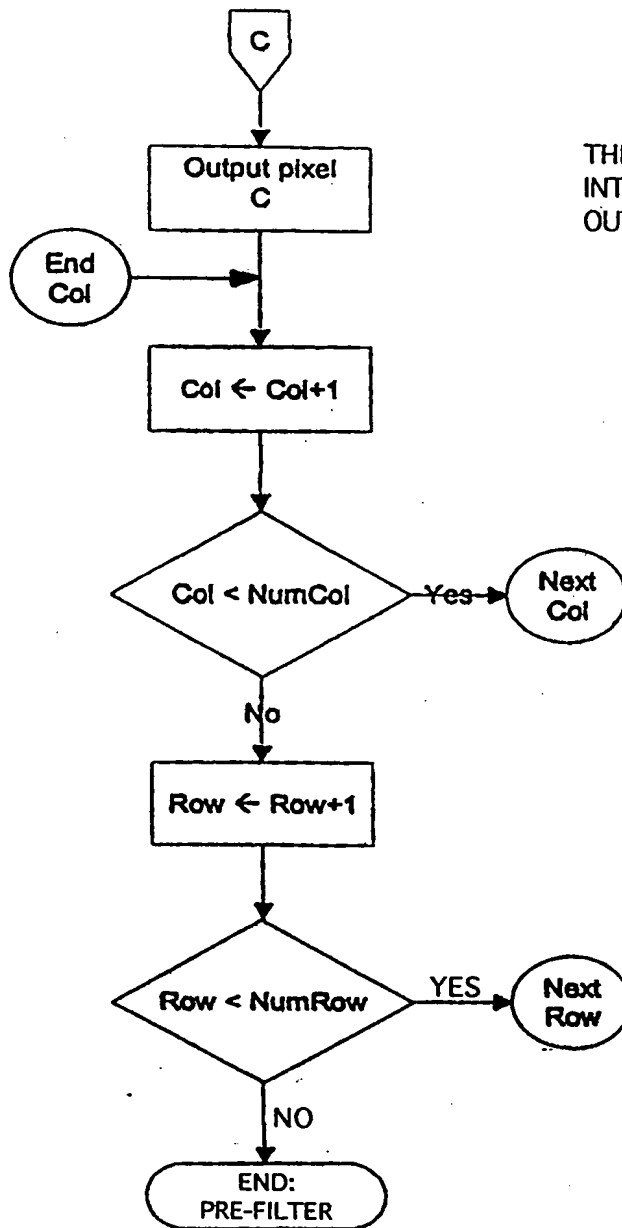


FIG. 11C



THE TARGET PIXEL HAS NOT FALLEN INTO ANY OF THE CASES, SO IT IS OUTPUT UNCHANGED.

FIG. 11D

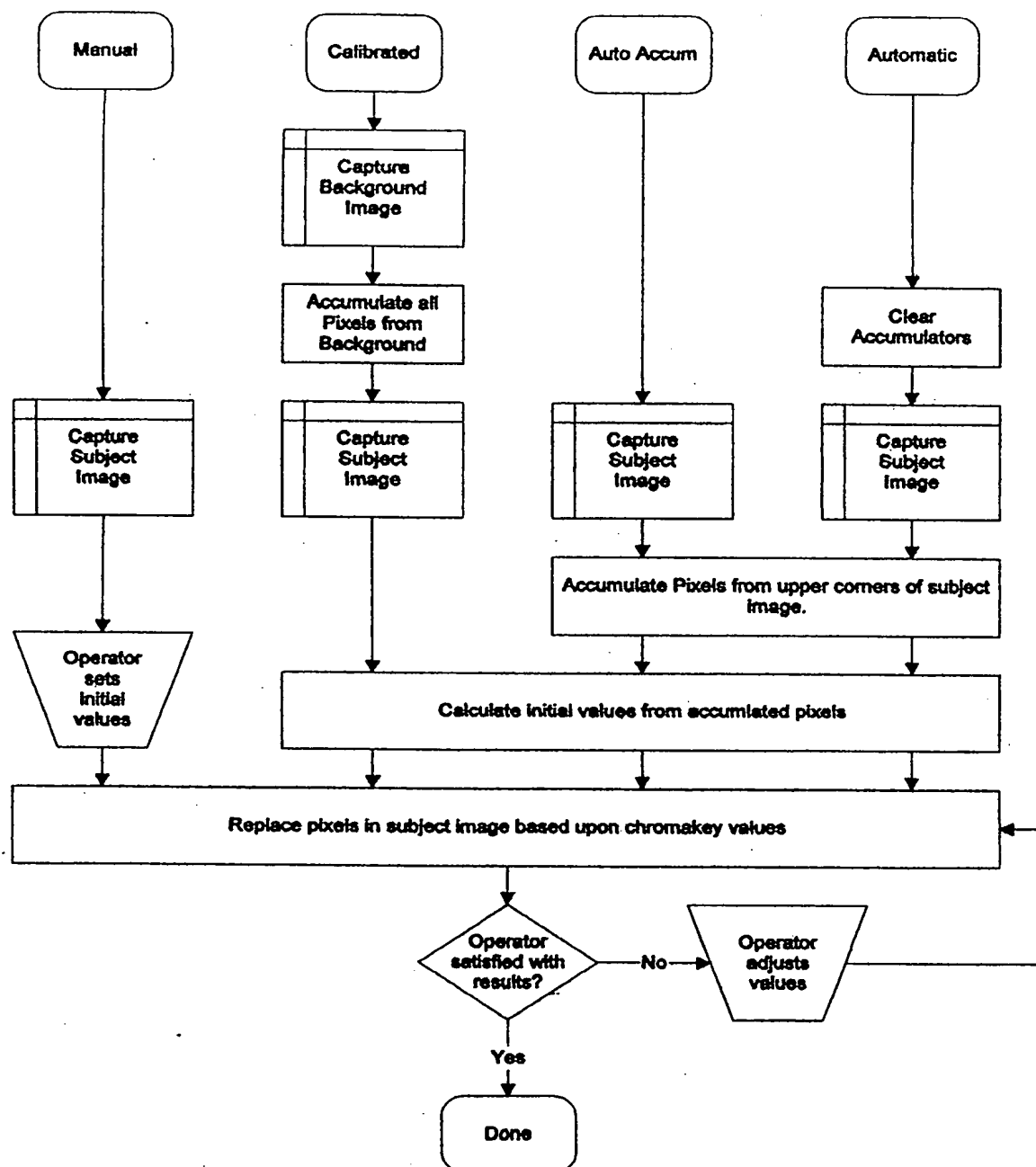
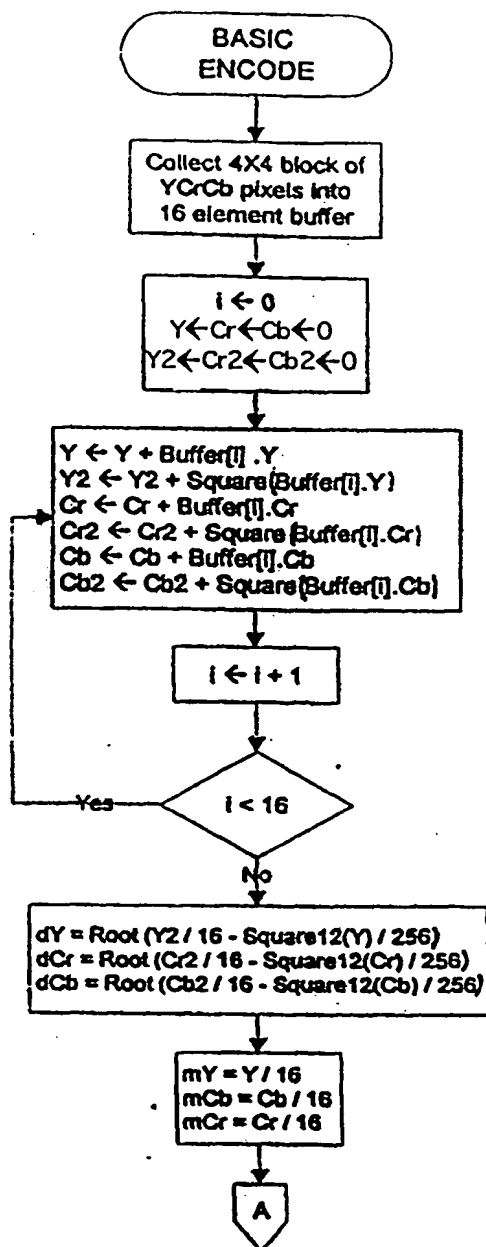


FIG. 11E

Pixels included in
Automatic and
AutoAccum Chromakey



FIG. 11F



Buffer index will range from 0 to 15.
Color components will be referred to as: ".Y", ".Cr", and ".Cb"

Step 1 - Collect first and second moments

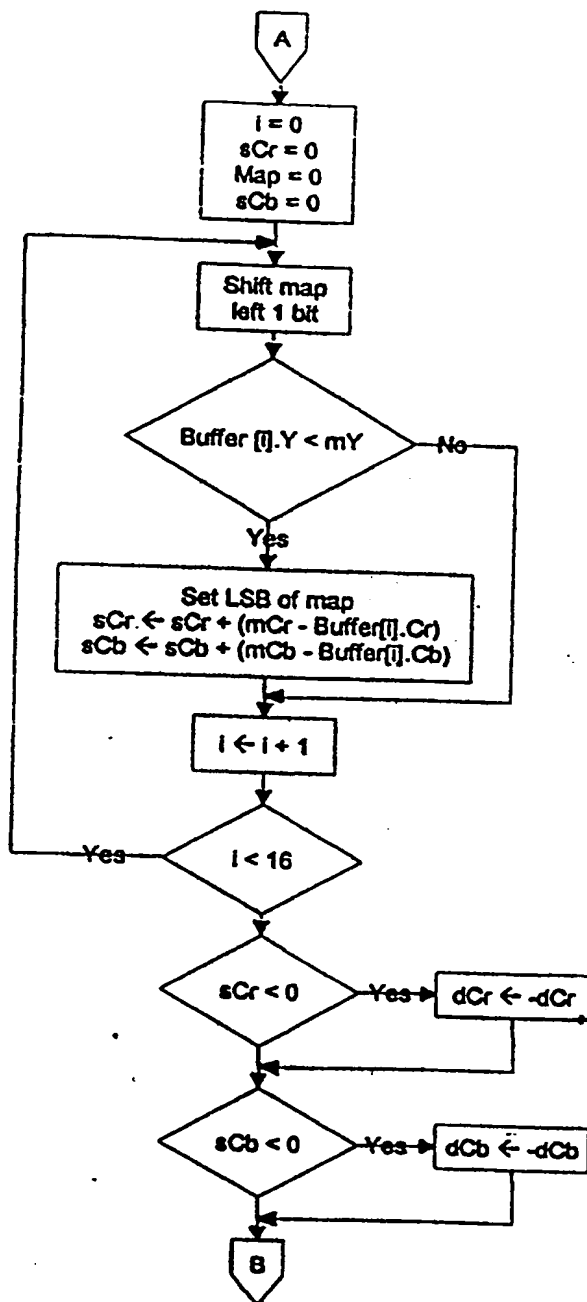
Accumulate separate component values as squares for each pixel. Squares are calculated by table lookup rather than by multiplication.

Step 2 - Calculate mean and standard deviation

The square12 function calculates the square of a 12-bit number using the same 8-bit table of squares above and little extra arithmetic. The root function finds roots by binary search of the 8-bit table of squares.

dY, dCr, and dCb are the standard deviations for each component and mY, mCr, and mCb are the arithmetic means.

FIG. 12A



Step 3 - Determine selector map

Use the mean luminance value for the selector.

The one bits in the map mark those pixels that are "darker" than the mean. Accumulate the signed differences from the mean in each chrominance channel.

If the Cr channel decreases when the luminance increases, invert dCr.

If the Cb channel decreases when the luminance increases, invert dCb.

FIG. 12B

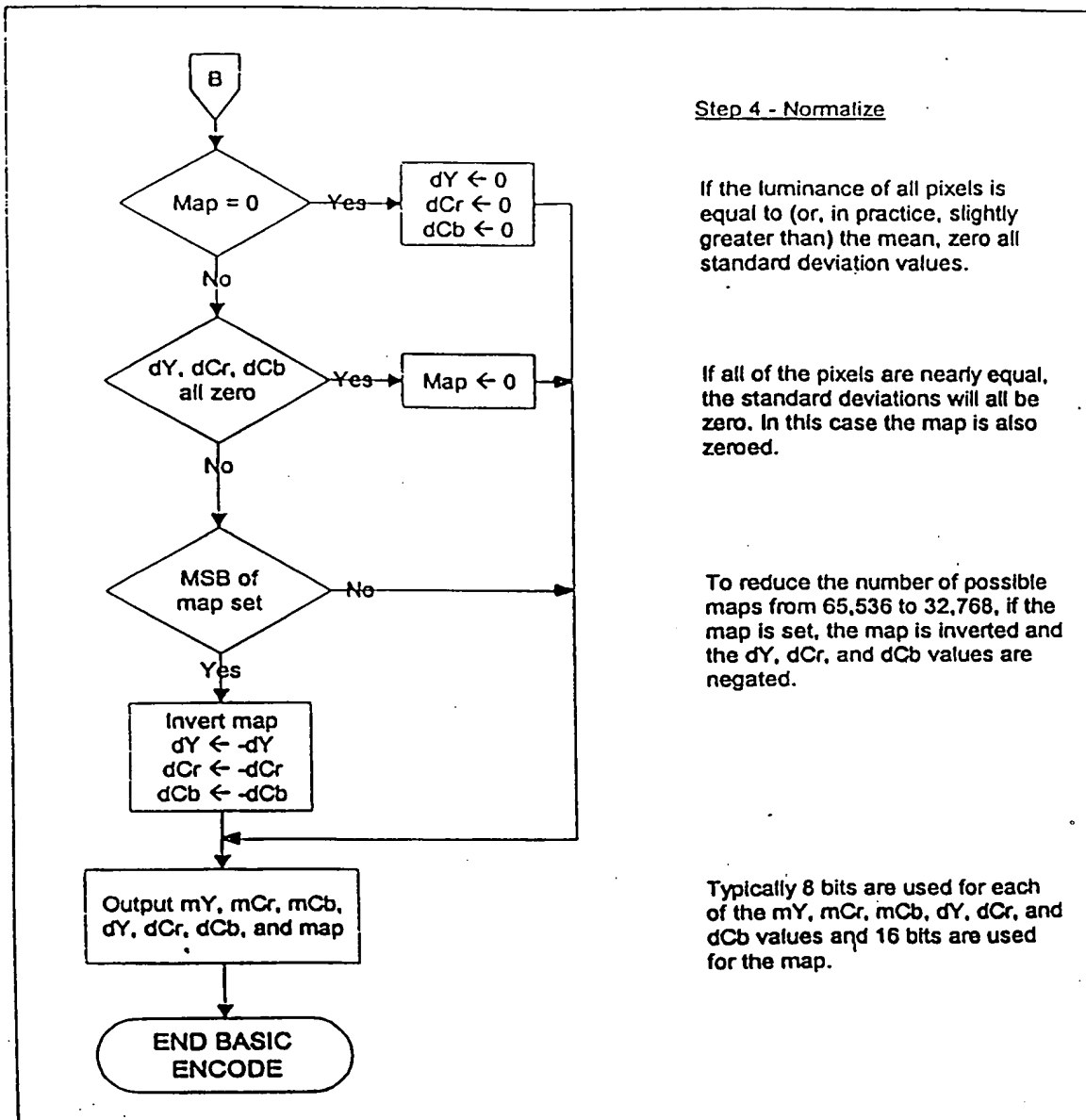


FIG. 12C

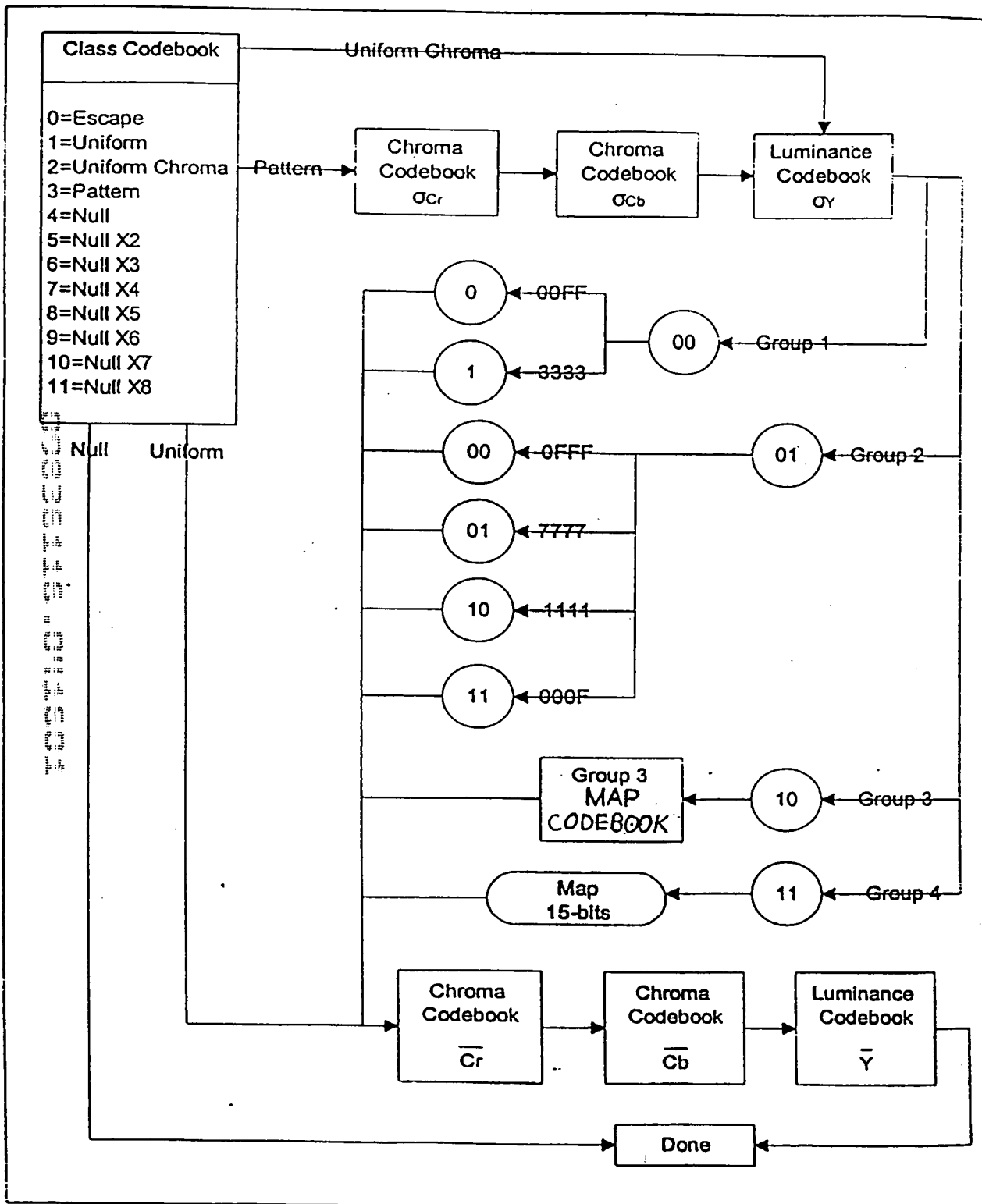


FIG. 13

COMPRESS BLOCK

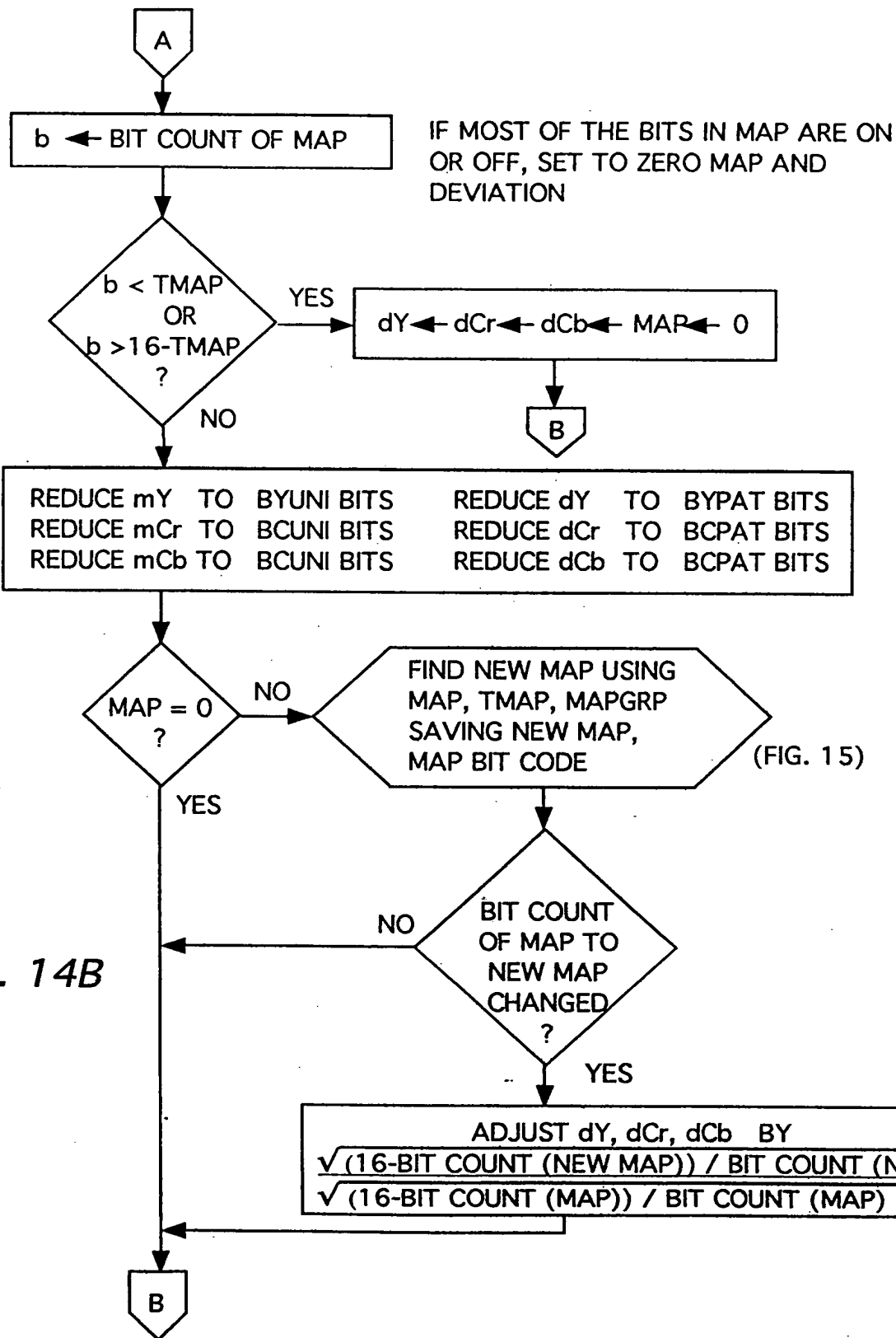
COLLECT DATA FOR THIS BLOCK:

TYUNI ← UNIFORM LUMINANCE THRESHOLD
TCUNI ← UNIFORM CHROMINANCE THRESHOLD
TNULL ← NULL LUMINANCE THRESHOLD
TCNULL ← NULL CHROMINANCE THRESHOLD
TMAP ← MAP ERROR THRESHOLD
MAPGRP ← MAP GROUP PARAMETER
BYPAT ← PATTERN LUMINANCE BITS
BCPAT ← PATTERN CHROMINANCE BITS
BYUNI ← UNIFORM LUMINANCE BITS
BCUNI ← UNIFORM CHROMINANCE BITS
mY ← BLOCK MEAN LUMINANCE
mCr ← BLOCK MEAN Cr CHANNEL
mCb ← BLOCK MEAN Cb CHANNEL
dY ← BLOCK STD. DEV. LUMINANCE
dCr ← BLOCK STD. DEV. Cr CHANNEL
dCb ← BLOCK STD. DEV. Cb CHANNEL
MAP ← BLOCK SELECTION MAP

INITIALIZE VALUES:

A

FIG. 14A



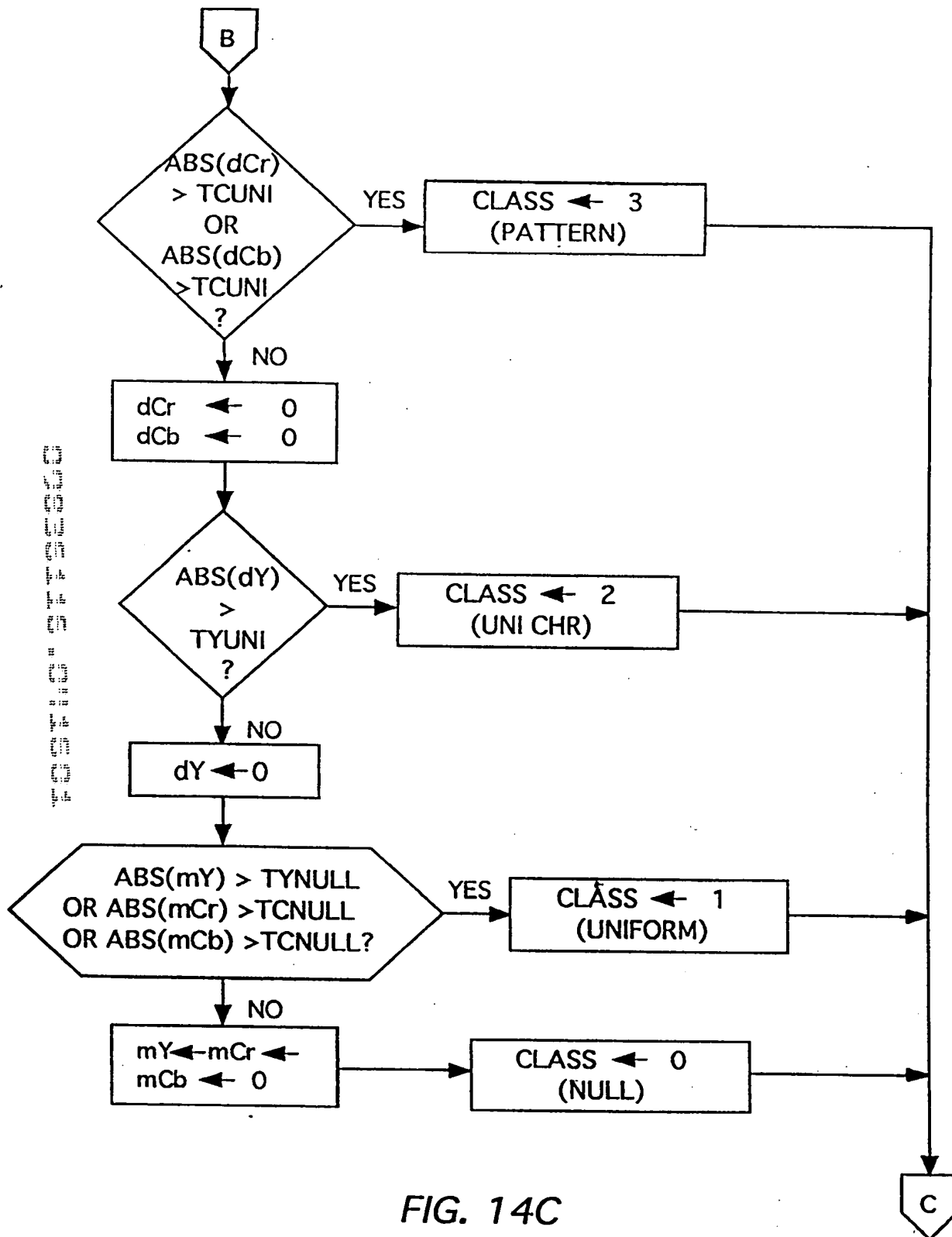


FIG. 14C

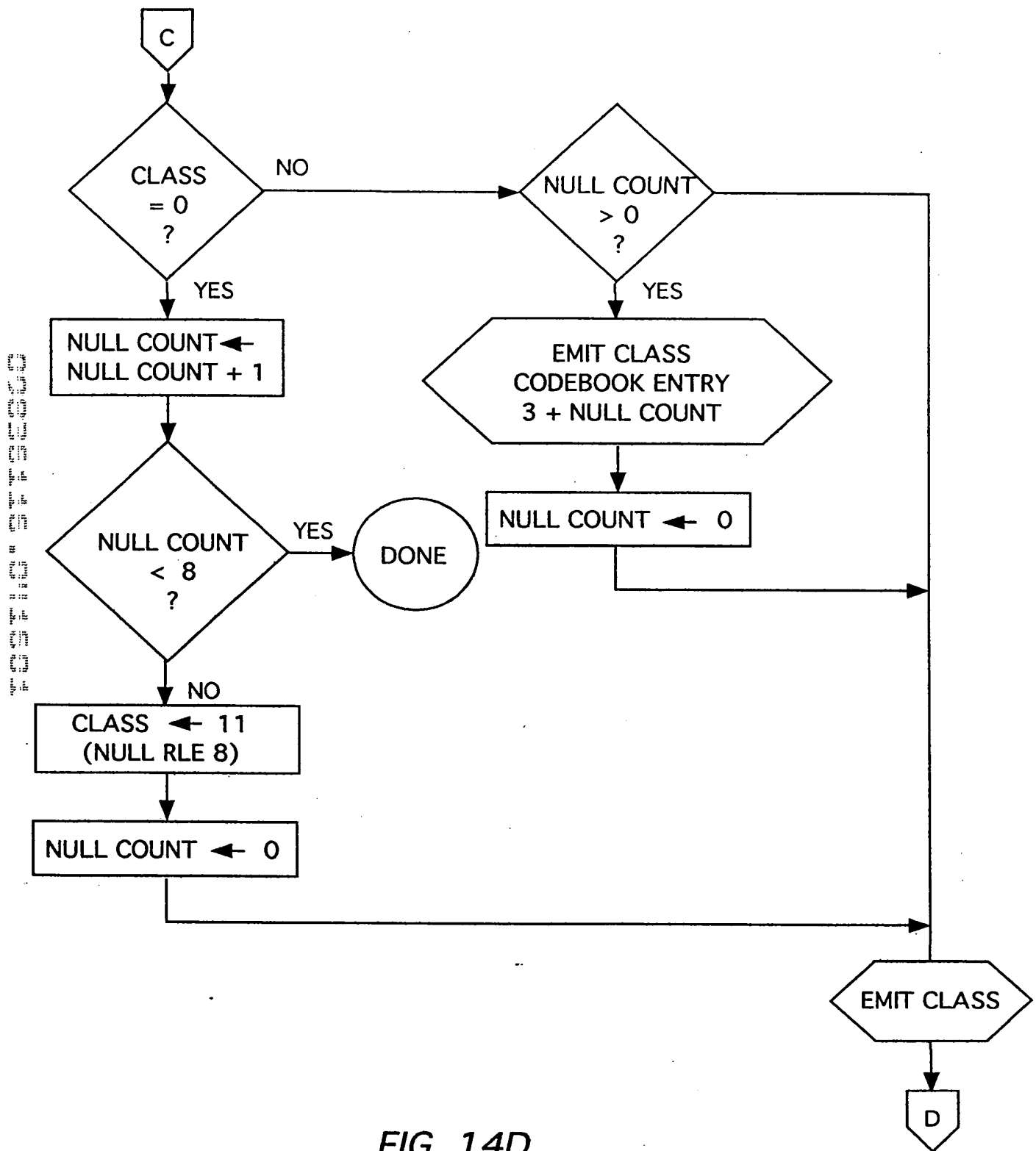


FIG. 14D

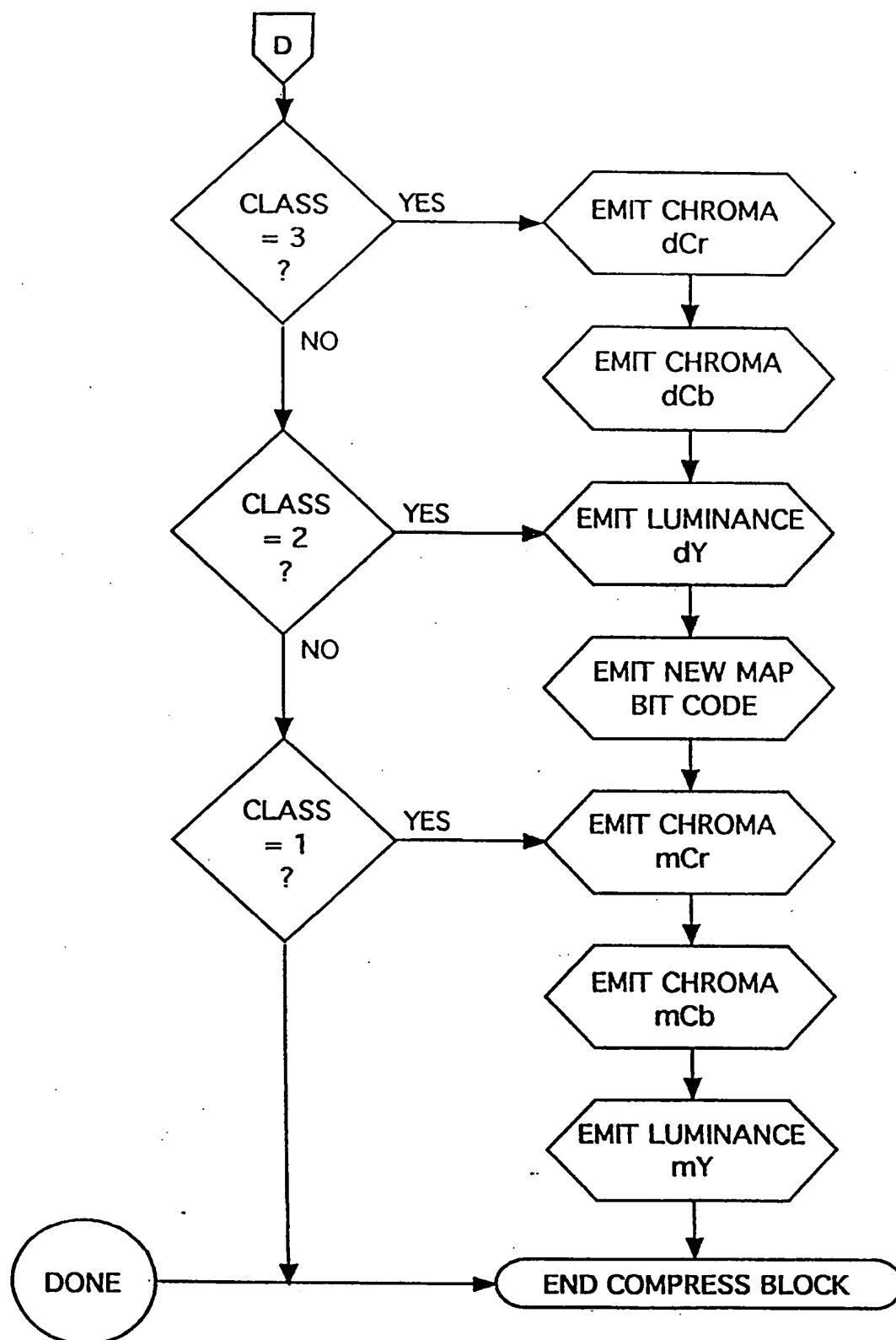


FIG. 14E

FIG. 15A

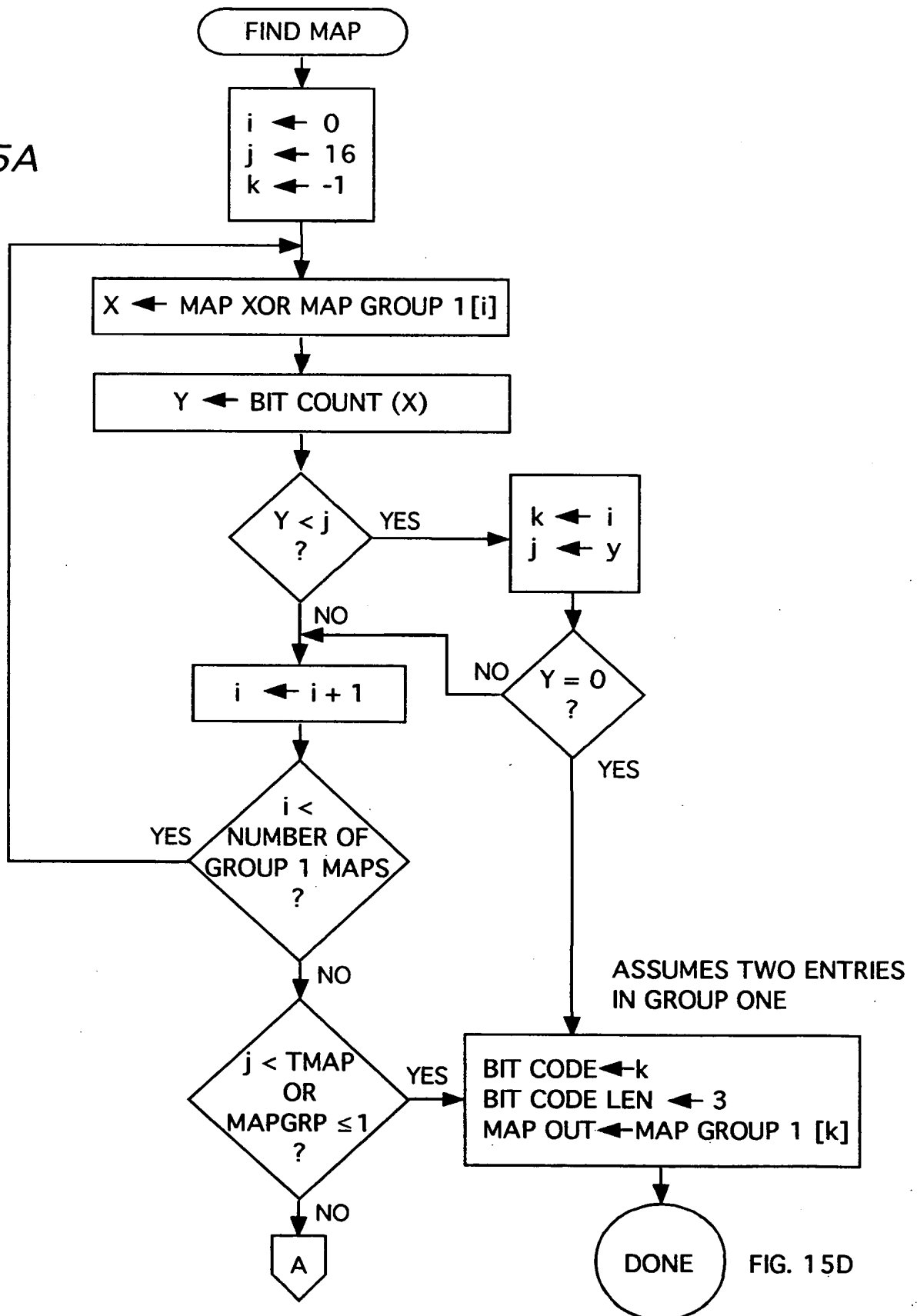


FIG. 15B

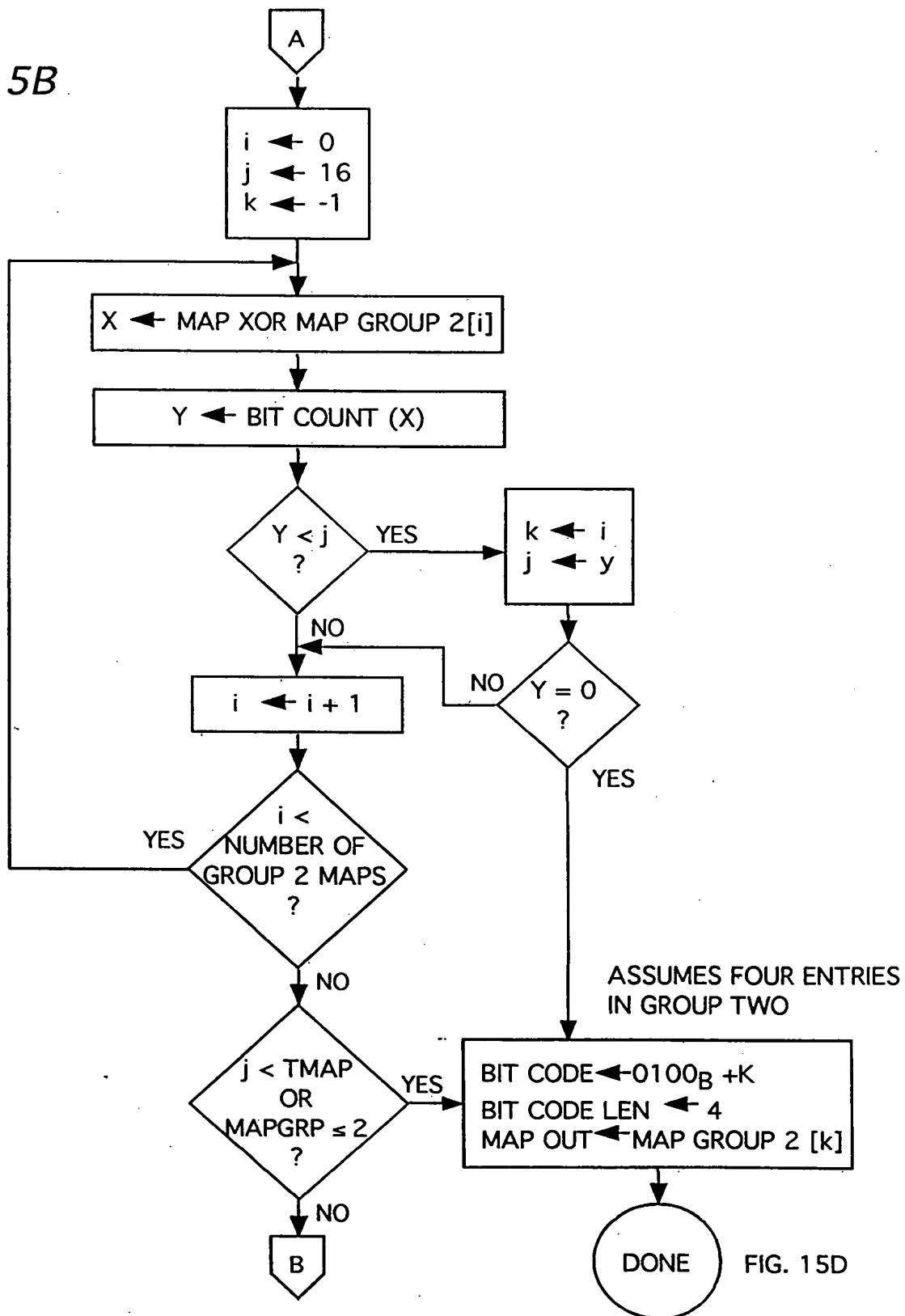


FIG. 15C

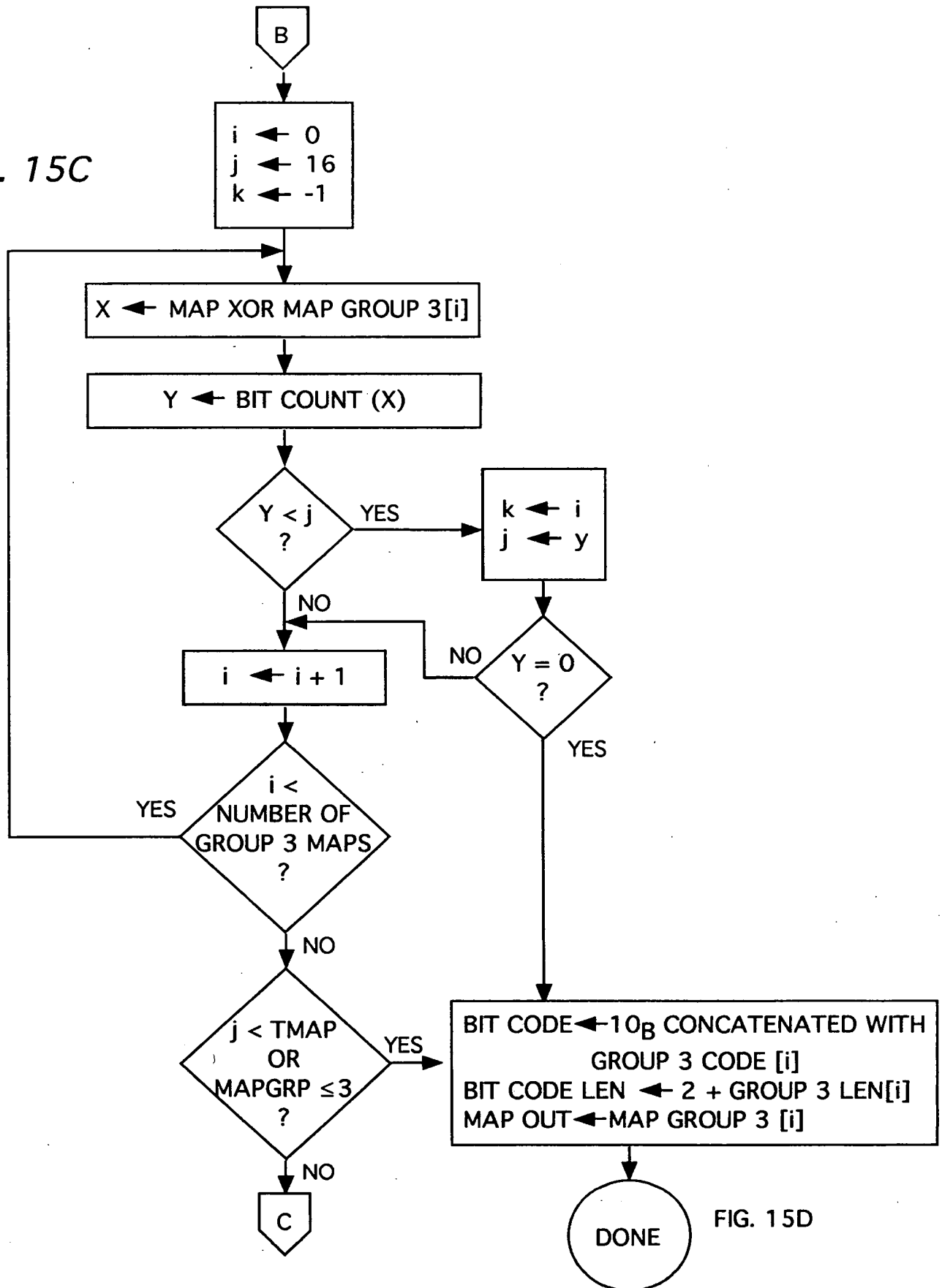


FIG. 16A

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D | D | D | D | D | D |
| D | C | B | B | C | D |
| D | B | A | A | B | D |
| D | B | A | A | B | D |
| D | C | B | B | C | D |
| D | D | D | D | D | D |

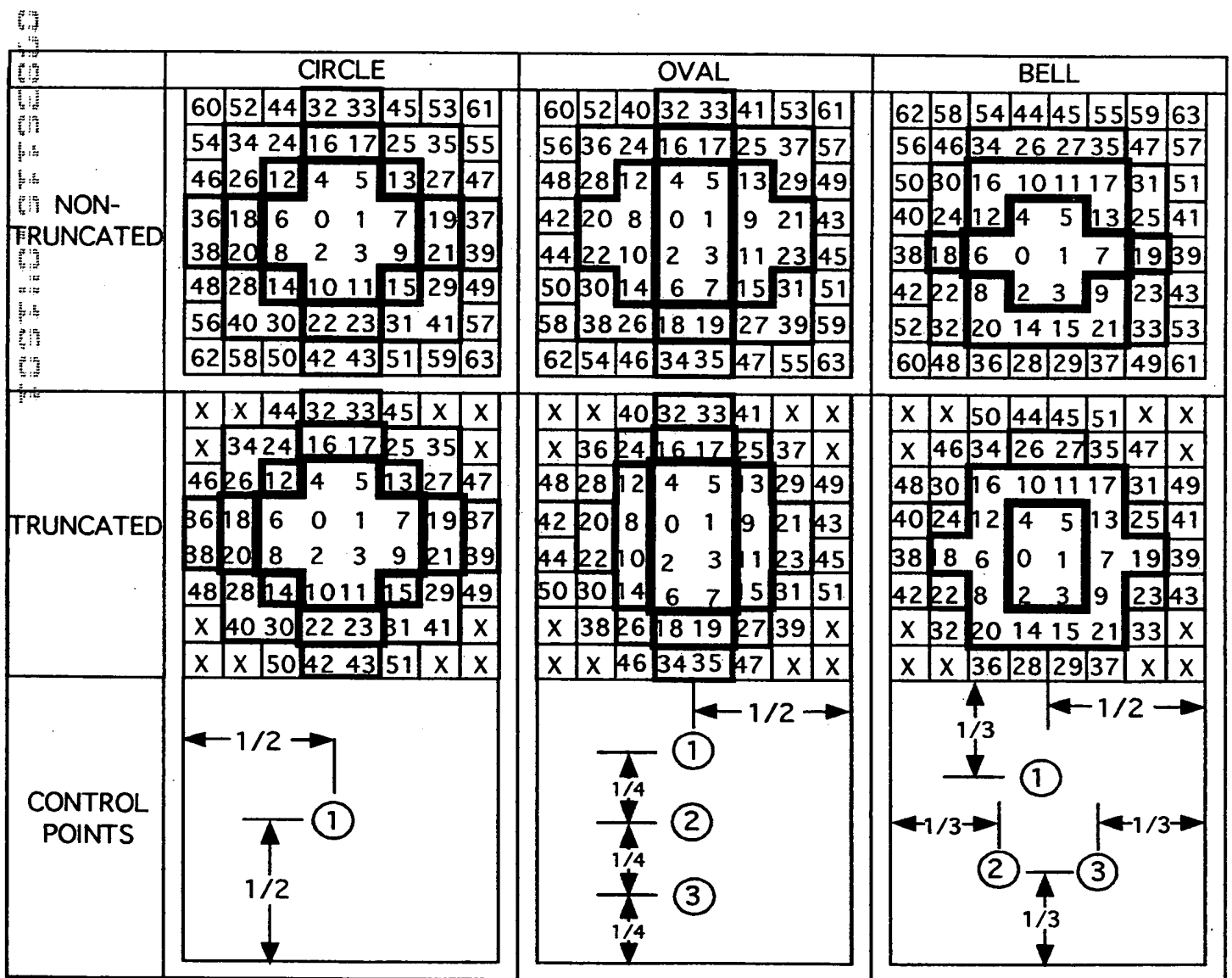


FIG. 16B

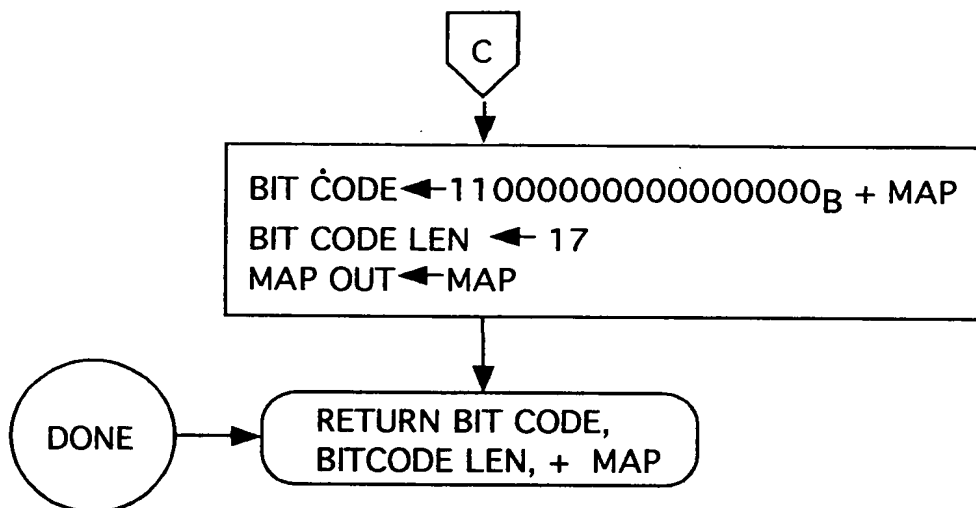


FIG. 15D

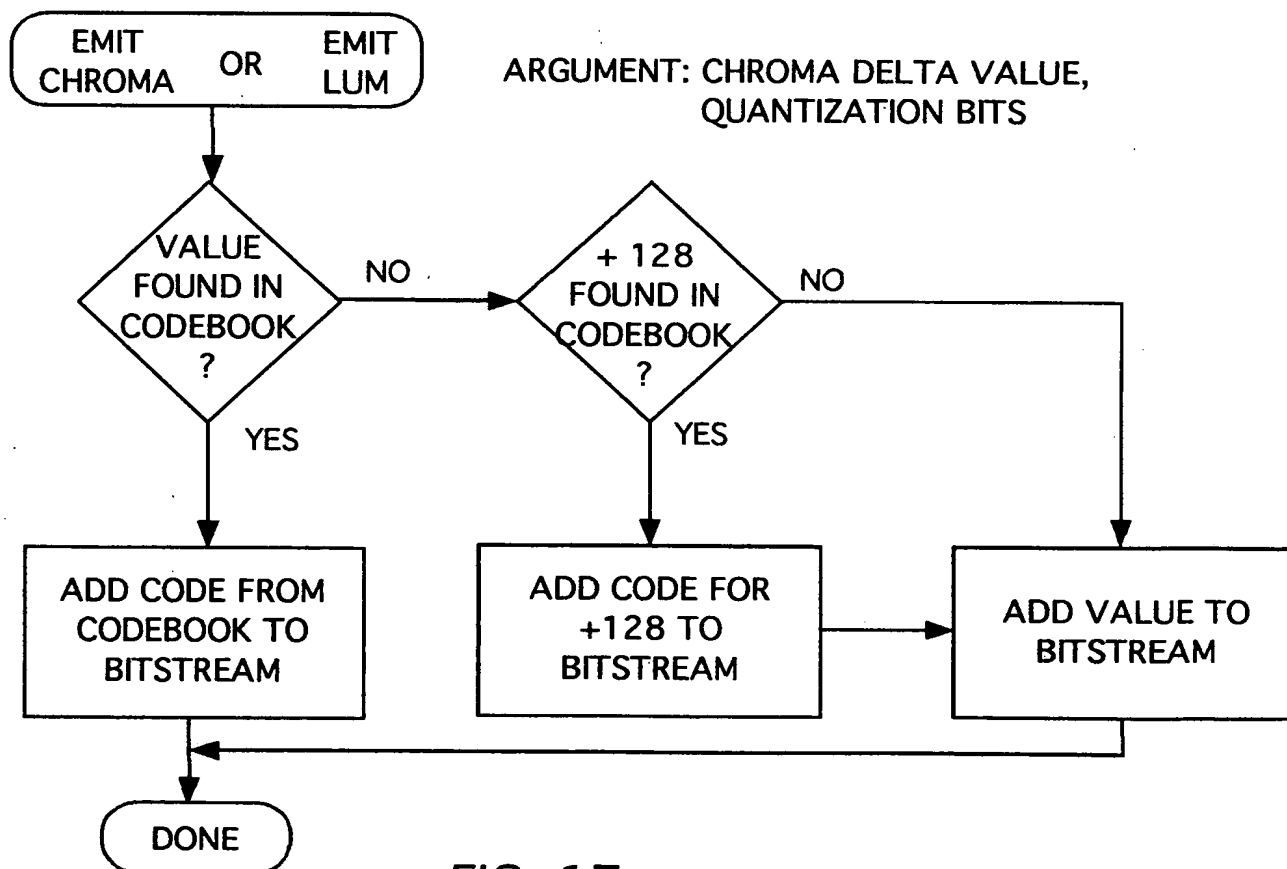


FIG. 17

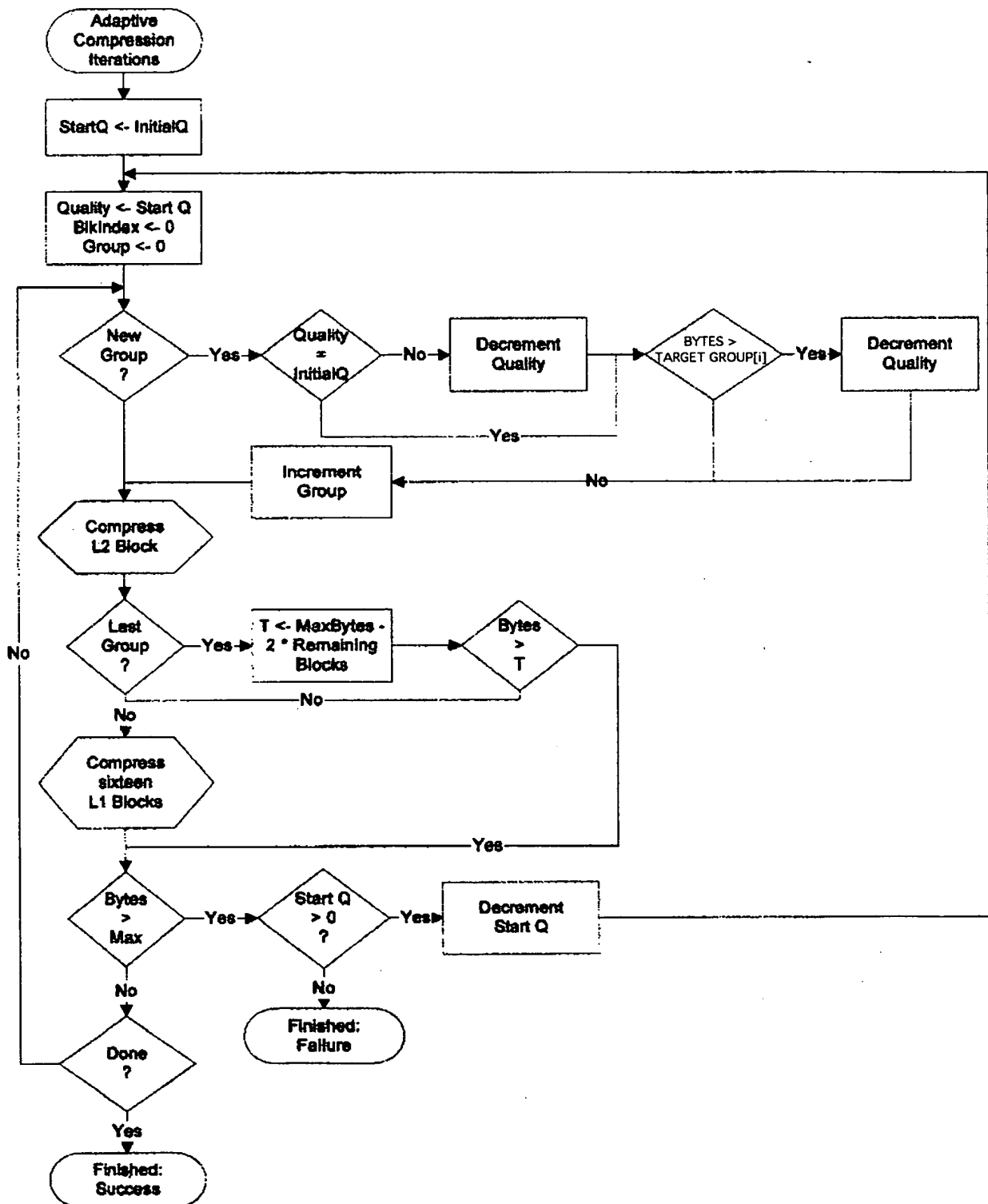


FIG. 18

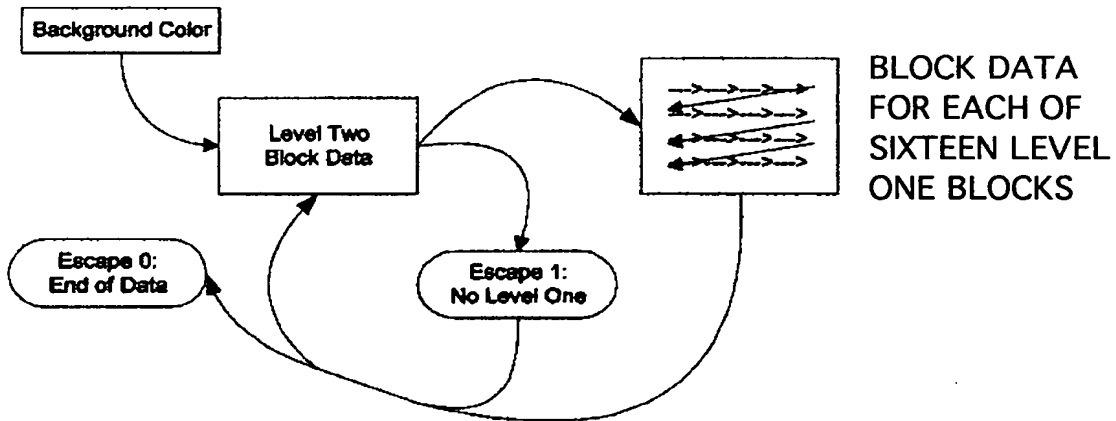


FIG. 19

| Input | | | | |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| F | G | H | I | J |
| K | L | M | N | O |
| P | Q | R | S | T |
| U | V | W | X | Y |

FIG. 20A

| Light Edge Filter | | | | |
|-------------------|--|--|--------------------|------------------|
| A | 3B/4 C/4 | 3C/4 B/4 | D | E |
| 3F/4 K/4 | 9G/16 3H/16 3L/16 3M/16 3N/16 | 9H/16 3G/16 3M/16 L/16 | 3V/4 N/4 O/4 | 3J/4 O/4 |
| 3K/4 G/4 | 9L/16 3M/16 3G/16 H/16 3Q/4 R/4 | 9M/16 3L/16 3H/16 G/16 3R/4 Q/4 | 3N/4 V/4 S | 3O/4 J/4 T |
| U | 3V/4 W/4 | 3W/4 V/4 | X | Y |

FIG. 20B

| Medium Edge Filter | | | | |
|--------------------|--|--|--------------------|------------------|
| A | 2B/3 C/3 | 2C/3 B/3 | D | E |
| 2F/3 K/3 | 4G/9 2H/9 2L/9 2M/9 2N/9 | 4H/9 2G/9 2M/9 L/9 | 2V/3 N/3 O/3 | 2J/3 O/3 |
| 2K/3 F/3 | 4L/9 2M/9 2G/9 H/9 2Q/3 R/3 | 4M/9 2L/9 2H/9 G/9 2R/3 Q/3 | 2N/3 V/3 S | 2O/3 J/3 T |
| U | 2V/3 W/3 | 2W/3 V/3 | X | Y |

FIG. 20C

| Heavy Edge Filter | | | | |
|-------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---|
| A | B/2 C/2 | C/2 B/2 | D | E |
| F/2 K/2 | H/4 G/4 M/4 L/4 | H/4 G/4 M/4 L/4 | 1/2 N/2 J/2 U/2 | |
| K/2 F/2 | H/4 G/4 M/4 L/4 Q/2 R/2 | H/4 G/4 M/4 L/4 R/2 Q/2 | N/2 1/2 J/2 | |
| P | Q/2 R/2 | S | T | |
| U | V/2 W/2 | W/2 V/2 | X | Y |

FIG. 20D

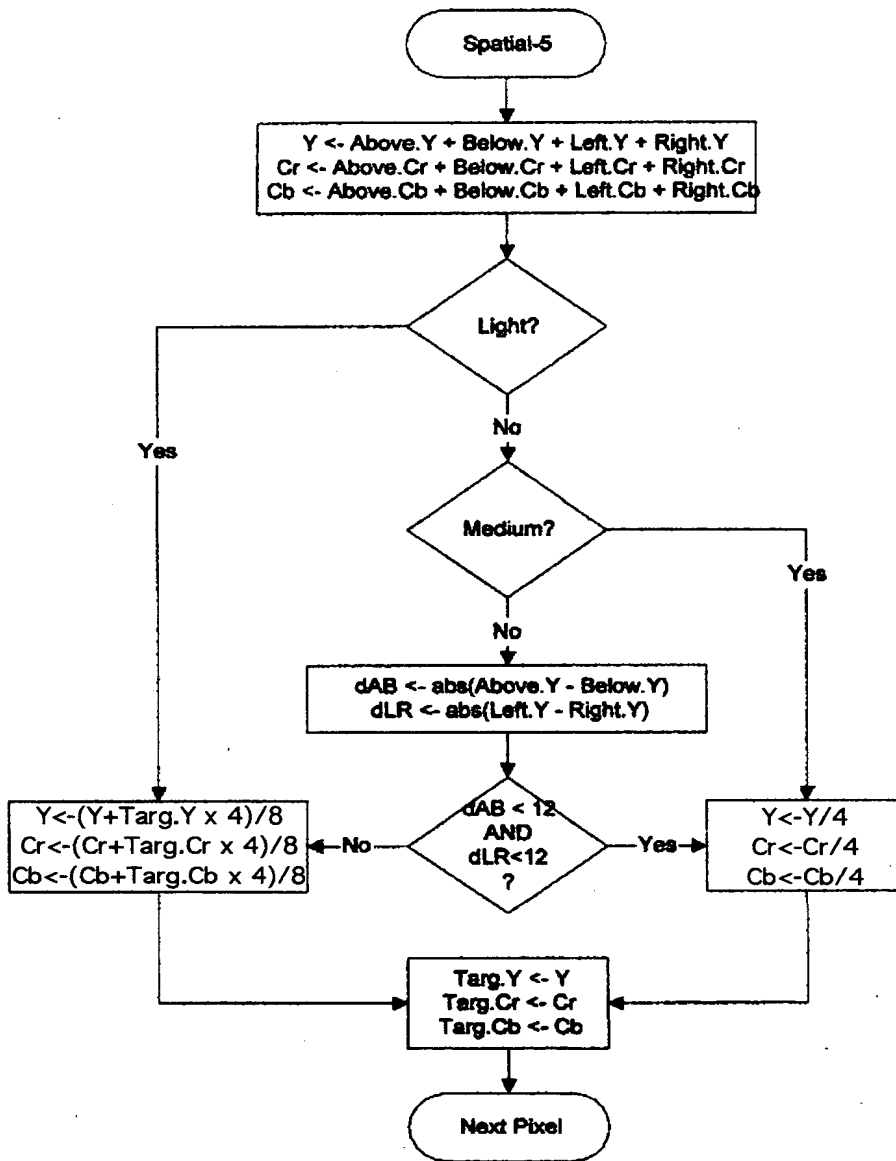


FIG. 21

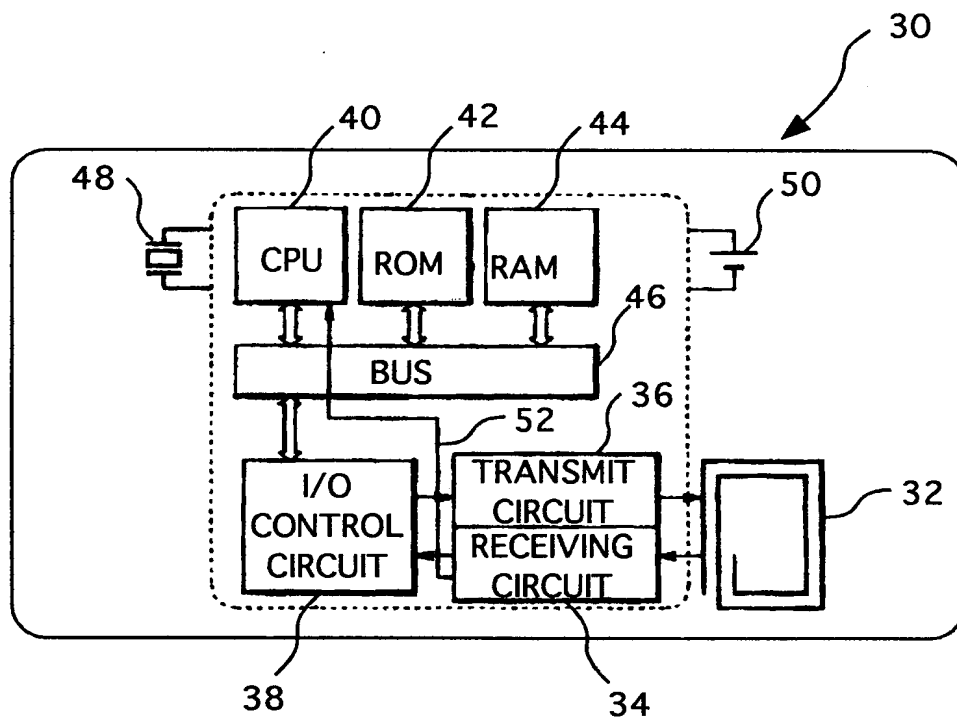


FIG. 22